

**TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN MEETING
June 9, 2008
CUSHING COMMUNITY CENTER**

Selectmen Present: Alton Grover, Robert Worthing, and Randolph Robbins, Peter Haviland, and Robert Stackpole Jr.

Staff Present: Town Clerk Lisa Young

Board approved Warrant #26 & #27

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Robert Worthing motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to approve the May 28, 2008 meeting minutes with one correction. The motion passed.

Board Approved 4-0-1 Peter Haviland abstained due to not being at the meeting.
Changes to the Agenda

Chairman Alton Grover announced that under Comments from Citizens that speakers would be limited to fifteen minutes and if someone wanted to speak they would only be recognized if they raised their hand.

David Glidden had sent an E-Mail to the Selectmen seeking approval for surveying a portion of the Pleasant View Cemetery that he said he and former Selectman Kim Young had informed the Board would need to be done. The contract was from J.H. Mathieson for verifying the plan layout of an existing cemetery plan done by Miles Leech back in 1997. The fee for the work is estimated to cost \$1,340.00. The Board directed Robert Worthing, liaison to the Cemetery Board, to contact Mr. Glidden for more information and to take the information to the next Cemetery Board Meeting for them to research.

Town Clerk, Lisa Young, informed the Board that Joseph Carr has received money from a resident to be donated to the Cushing Town House Loop Trail. He wanted to know if the Town would have to approve setting up an account to accept donations for the Cushing Town House Loop Trail. Chairman Alton Grover stated that it would have to be approved by the residents at a special town meeting and that at the same time they would include money donated to the Beautification Committee as well.

Selectman Peter Haviland who was back from vacation expressed how grateful the Town is to have such a wonderful new flag pole!

Selectman Randy Robbins announced the Ordinance Committee needs a new member since Mr. Tower has changed residency to Glenburn.

Unfinished Business

Bids- At the last Selectmen's Meeting Robert Stackpole was directed to contact the two lowest bidders to clarify what materials they were planning on using. As Selectman Robert Stackpole read the list of what materials that Murray Builders and Miller and Miller planned to use the Selectmen became concerned about the absence of written specifications in the original bid request. There also was some confusion whether Miller and Miller planned to fix the oil room which Chairman Alton Grover thought they planned to and Selectman Robert Stackpole did not think they planned to. Robert Worthing stated he wanted written specifications. He went on to ask if the Board was satisfied with Murray as a contractor. Selectman Robert Stackpole stated he works with him from time to time and feels he is professional and does a good job. He also said he has worked with all of the contractors at one time and felt they all would do an adequate job. Chairman Grover pointed out that Miller and Miller has worked on the Community Center in the past so he is familiar with the building. He noted he knew nothing about Murray Builders. A discussion ensued on the need for an architect, the slope of the roof, and the change to the oil room. Robert Stackpole stated that due to the building being a public building the trusses should be engineered and they should be stamped that way. In regard to hiring an architect Chairman Alton Grover announced that there would not be enough money budgeted to pay for one. The Selectmen took a ten minute break to go outside to review the changes that are planned for the oil room.

Selectman Robert Worthing moved, Peter Haviland seconded, that they go back to the three lowest bidders seeking specific manufactured trusses, 30-yr shingles, and 6-12 roof pitch and ask if they would be willing to rebid. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Ordinance By-Laws- Selectman Peter Haviland motioned, Robert Worthing seconded, to approve the By-Laws for the Ordinance Committee. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

New Business-

Emergency Management Ordinance-Emergency Management Director of Cushing, Arthur Kiskila, has given the Board a copy of an Emergency Management Ordinance that he recommends the Town adopt. A brief discussion ensued into whether it should be given to the Ordinance Committee or not. Ordinance Committee member David Cobey quickly looked over the ordinance and noted that section 9, 10 & 11 should be looked over by the Board of Selectmen. He didn't think it needed to be sent to the Ordinance Committee unless the Selectmen felt they needed assistance with section nine. The Board directed Alton to contact Emergency Management Director, Arthur Kiskila, and report back to the Board.

Kalloch Fuel Budget Plan- Chairman Alton Grover reported that the Town usually signs up for a budget plan for heating oil and that he has been calling to get prices. He will keep the Board informed.

Chairman Alton Grover reported that he has sent back the paper work to Knox County Commission for the annual salt bid for the 2008/2009 winter season. The Town of Cushing, along with other towns in Knox County, joins together each year to bid for road salt in an attempt to receive the best price available.

Chairman Alton Grover reported that he has received a warranty letter for the new snow plow truck and that he will have to take it to Augusta for the warranty check. The Board approved taking the truck to Augusta.

Comments from Citizens- Mr. Tower addressed the Board to again pressure the Board to negotiate a settlement of the tax abatement suit. He spent his fifteen minutes showing the Board maps of the property in question and went on to say that there would be further abatement requests that will cost the Town more money in attorney fees. He proposed to make a deal that would end it all now and stated he would take \$365,000 and the old snow plow truck. He stressed that the offer would be withdrawn when he left the room. The Board made no decision.

Resident Robert Ellis offered comments of encouragement to the Board. He praised Chairman Alton Grover in improving the way the meeting was run. He noted that the Select Board was the last board to have bylaws and recommended that they consider establishing them. Resident Chester Knowles stated that once before bylaws were mentioned but former selectman David Glidden said that the Board of Selectmen is governed by statute.

Alton Grover motioned, Randolph Robbins seconded, to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (A) a personnel issue at 7:35 PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Robert Worthing motioned, Peter Haviland seconded, to return to the regular scheduled meeting at 8:33PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Alton Grover motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to appoint Catherine Virgie new Animal Control Officer for the Town of Cushing. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Robert Worthing motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to adjourn at 8:55PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Young
Recording Secretary
Town Clerk

